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1. There are at least 5,000\* bandits active at the present time in the Upper Perak area. Security Forces in this area have discovered new 300 caliber\*\* cartridge shells. These bandits may be receiving aid from outside Malaya, possibly from Soviet sources.\*\*\*
2. Communists are entering Malaya in increasing numbers by way of the east coast of Malaya or through Thailand.\*\*\*\*
3. The end of the Emergency in the Federation cannot be forecast at the present time. On the basis of the present situation, the Emergency may continue until the outbreak of a general war.
4. Bandit activity has greatly increased recently in the Taiping area. Early in December 1950, bandits entered Taiping and exchanged fire with troops guarding an Army petrol dump.
5. Chinese residents of the Taiping area have avoided any contacts with bandit forces since the start of the Chinese Communist offensive in Korea. Leaders of the Taiping Chinese community have indicated that they believe the US should not delay the start of actual hostilities against the USSR and Communist China any longer.
6. Communist propaganda is already widespread in Taiping schools and is being increased. Blank booklets have been sent to school children throughout Taiping from the recently banned Chinese newspaper in Singapore.\*\*\*\*\* School children have been urged to draw pro-Communist cartoons in these booklets and to return them to Singapore.
7. Arrangements have been made to send selected Chinese students to China for Communist indoctrination. These students are instructed to declare that they are returning to China to visit their families or relatives for a period of one year.
8. The number of admittedly pro-Communist Chinese students in Taiping schools is increasing. Principals of these schools are reluctant to restrain students who possess Communist propaganda materials for fear of their own lives.

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- 25X1A \* [ ] Comment. The total of 5,000 bandits in Upper Perak is believed to be rather high in view of previous official estimates of bandit strength in this area.
- 25X1A \*\* [ ] Comment. The 300 caliber ammunition referred to probably is the standard US .30 caliber which the British usually describe as .300 (or .303) caliber.
- 25X1A \*\*\* [ ] Comment. [ ] reported that there is no evidence to indicate that MCP forces have received arms supplies from sources outside Malaya.
- 25X1A \*\*\*\* [ ] Comment. There have been previous indications that the Malayan Communist Party (MCP) may be conducting the campaign in Malaya with no support from China except the trained Communists who are being infiltrated into Malaya.
- 25X1A \*\*\*\*\* [ ] Comment. This is probably a reference to the Singapore Nan Chiau Jit Pao, closed by the Government in September 1950. The booklets may have been circulated prior to the closing of the paper by MCP propaganda organs.

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